

Creation of the Office

DHEC's Office of Solid Waste Reduction and Recycling was created by the SC Solid Waste Policy and Management Act of 1991. The Office is designed to provide educational, technical and grant assistance to local governments, schools and the public regarding solid waste issues.

The Office has many programs, projects and services. For information on any of them or other questions, please call the Office's Recycling Hot Line at 1-800-768-7348 or visit our web site at www.state.sc.us/dhec.



"Action for a cleaner tomorrow: A South Carolina Environmental Curriculum Supplement"

"Action" is an interdisciplinary curriculum supplement that provides hands-on lessons and activities. The kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum supplement explores solid waste issues such as source reduction, recycling, litter prevention, buying recycled and composting.

Teachers will receive a copy of "Action" following the completion of a three-hour workshop. "Action" and workshops are provided at no cost to teachers or schools. Funding for both are provided by the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control.



"Recycle Guys" Public Awareness Campaign

If you think we look good in this brochure, that's nothing. Look for us on television and listen for us on the radio. The "Recycle Guys" Public Awareness Campaign was introduced in January 1997 to spread the word on recycling statewide.

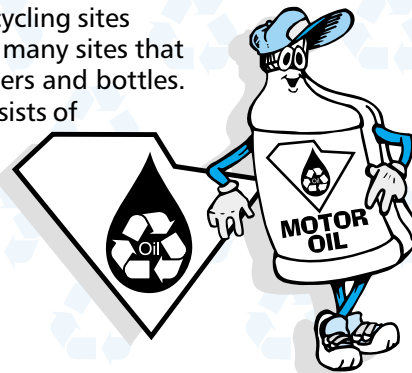


"Recycle Guys" Awards Program

Each year the Office honors the top solid waste management programs, projects and people in South Carolina for outstanding achievement in a variety of categories. The annual awards program is held each January.

SC Used Oil Partnership

The Office serves as the hub for one of the nation's top used oil recycling programs targeted at do-it-yourself oil changers. NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon serves as the state's spokesperson on used oil recycling and is the center of the Office's public awareness campaign. In addition, the Office provides several used oil grant programs. There are more than 600 used oil recycling sites statewide, including many sites that also take used oil filters and bottles. The Partnership consists of the Office and the SC Petroleum Council, SC Department of Transportation and Santee Cooper.



Grants

The Office provides grant funding to local governments, public and private schools, colleges and universities, targeting a variety of solid waste management issues. Specific grant programs include education, waste tires and used oil.



Resource Center

Looking for more information on recycling rates? Or how much garbage was generated last year in South Carolina? Where can you recycle in your community and what items are accepted? Need more educational materials for the classroom? The Resource Center offers many publications, including the annual solid waste report and the "South Carolina Recycles" magazine along with videos and other educational materials. In addition, call the Office's Resource Center to set up a presentation for your school or community group about solid waste issues.

Environmental Education Partnerships

The Office has formed partnerships with several groups, organizations and companies including the SC Soft Drink Association, the US Postal Service, the SC Energy Office, the SC Army National Guard, International Paper and the National Kidney Foundation of South Carolina.

"South Carolina Recycles: A Directory of Recycling Programs and Markets"

This annual publication offers county-by-county information on recycling, contacts and markets.

SC Partnership on Plastics Recycling

The goal of this **Partnership** is to improve the recycling rate of plastics. Members include the **American Plastics Council**, the **National Association for PET Container Resources (NAPCOR)**, the **USC Center for Environmental Policy**, **Welman, Inc.**, and the **Office**.

Other Projects

The **Office** also assists businesses and local governments in finding markets for recyclables. In addition, the **Office** holds technical workshops, serves as the state contact for National Recycling Coalition's "Buy Recycled Business Alliance," and works in partnership on many projects with the US Environmental Protection Agency.

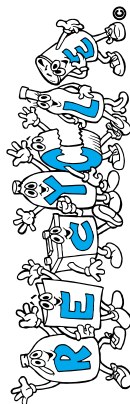
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